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SUB: F-104 REPLACEMENT: VIEW FROM THE NETHERLANDS CABINET

1. DURING A MARCH 19 CALL ON DIRK RINGNALDA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, DCM MENTIONED IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO STARFIGHTER REPLACEMENT QUESTION, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD DISCUSSED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THEIR MARCH 14 MEETING. RINGNALDA (PLEASE PROTECT AS SOURCE) CONFIRMED THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION BUT PROVIDED NO DETAILS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION HE RATHER DEPRECATED MOD VREDELING'S DESIRE TO LINK THIS QUESTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY. RINGNALDA INDICATED THAT THIS CONCEPT HAD FOUND LITTLE SYMPATHY WITH THE CABINET WHICH INSTEAD WAS APPROACHING THE QUESTION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE BEST PLANE FOR
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THE NETHERLANDS' AIR FORCE. DCM REPLIED THAT HE WAS

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GLAD TO HEAR THIS BECAUSE IN THAT CASE THERE COULD BE
NO QUESTION OF THE SUPERIORITY OF THE F-16 PROPOSAL.

3. RINGNALDA ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT VIGGEN HAD
COME IN WITH A NEW, GREATLY IMPROVED OFFER, BUT HE DID NOT
APPEAR TO ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO IT.
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